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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PA

SUBJECT: VEHICLE FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL

REFERENCE: ASUNCION 3141

1. APPRECIATE INFO REFTTEL WHICH PROVIDES CLEAR PICTURE AS TO HOW MISSION PROPOSES UTILIZE SUBJECT VEHICLE. WE HAVE REVIEWED POST REQUEST AND PROPOSAL AMEND PROJECT AGREEMENT IN DETAIL, OBTAINED LEGAL GUIDANCE ON ISSUES RAISED, AND REVIEWED LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES ON USE OF CCINC FUNDS IN DEVELOPING DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT POST SHOULD MOVE FORWARD PURCHASE VEHICLE WHICH WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF AND FOR USE OF NNA PER PROJECT AGREEMENT RATHER THAN UNDER DEA CONTROL UNTIL PROJECT TERMINATION. WHILE WE APPRECIATE ARGUMENTS FOR HAVING DEA RETAIN CONTROL OF VEHICLE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT  
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THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS INAPPROPRIATE USE OF CCINC

FUNDS, REGARDLESS OF ACCURACY OF SUCH CHARGES. TO DISPEL ANY SUCH ALLEGATIONS, WE WOULD BE COMPELLED RELATE PROBLEMS IN WORKING WITH HIERARCHY IN MINISTRY INTERIOR AND NNA, A POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION SINCE IT COULD INVOLVE USG IN COMMENTING ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF NNA. THIS

WOULD BE COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT WE WOULD HAVE DELIBERATELY AVOIDED INVOLVEMENT WITH SENIOR MINISTRY INTERIOR OFFICIALS WHO PRESUMABLY CLEARED PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR GOP AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING GOP ACTIVITIES IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FIELD.

3. REGRET THAT WE CANNOT BE MORE FORTHCOMING REGARDING OFFICIAL DEA RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL OF VEHICLES. HOWEVER, IN FINAL ANALYSIS WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD INVOLVE POSSIBLE CONTROVENTION OF CCINC FUNDING GUIDELINES AND INVOLVE US IN POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION OF NOT INVOLVING GOP PRINCIPALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING USG ASSISTANCE TO GOP.

4. WAIVER BEING PROCESSED IMMEDIATELY. WILL CABLE ASAP UPON SIGNATURE AMBASSADOR VANCE. SISCO

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